

CLAIMS

1. A method for automatically selecting, for a user, at least one destination avatar to which to send received information based on context information and user-defined policy-selection rules, comprising the steps of:
 - examining, by a destination selection system, user location information; and
 - determining the at least one destination avatar to which the received information is to be delivered based on the context information and the user-defined policy-selection rules.
2. The method of claim 1 further including a step of sending, by the at least one destination avatar, the received information to each device associated with the at least one destination avatar.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the device is one of: a cellular phone, a personal computer located at a workplace, a laptop computer, personal computer located at a residence, and a camera.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the user location information comprises at least one of: a user's behavior, a user's location, location of an individual proximate to the user, an object proximate to the user, the user's recent activities, and the user's planned activities.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the destination selection system is a designated avatar.
6. The method of claim 1 including a step of overriding the automatic selection of the destination avatar.

7. A method for dynamically routing received electronic information for a user, comprising the steps of:
 - utilizing context information together with user-defined policy-selection rules to determine at least one destination avatar for the received information; and
 - sending the received electronic information to the at least one destination avatar.
8. The method of claim 7 further including a step of sending, by the at least one destination avatar, the received information to each device associated with the at least one destination avatar.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the device associated with the at least one destination avatar is one of: a cellular phone, a personal computer located at a workplace, a laptop computer, personal computer located at a residence, and a camera.
10. The method of claim 7 wherein the context information comprises at least one of: the user's network address assignment, cellular data from the user's cellular phone, location data for the user, power information from the user's notebook computer, active application data from devices that the user is using, Web site work information and Web site recreational information.
11. The method of claim 7 wherein the location data is from Global Positioning System receivers.
12. The method of claim 7 wherein the user-defined policy-selection rules comprise rules that indicate a selected destination avatar for at least one of: urgent messages, work messages, personal messages, personal photographs, messages from a selected group of people to the user when the user is visiting a different office, and messages from people

failing to be in the first group of people wherein the messages are sent to the user when the user is visiting a different office.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the messages to the user when the user is in a different office include at least one of: cellular phone messages, email messages, and pager messages.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the cellular phone messages, the email messages, and the pager messages have different rules for determining the at least one destination avatar.

15. The method of claim 7 including a step of overriding the automatic selection of the at least one destination avatar.

16. A computer-readable medium for implementing a destination selection system useful for directing received information in association with a plurality of devices for a user, wherein the plurality of devices are coupled to a computer network, the computer network providing a network connection for transmitting received information to a destination selection system for delivery to at least one device of the user, the computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of automatically selecting, for the user, a destination avatar associated with at least one device of the plurality of devices based on context information and user-defined policy-selection rules, comprising the steps of:

examining, by the destination selection system, location information for the user; and

determining at least one destination avatar to which the received information is to be delivered based on the context information and the user-defined policy-selection rules.

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17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein the destination selection system is a sorting avatar.
18. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein the computer-executable instructions further include a step of sending, by the at least one destination avatar, the data to each device associated with the at least one destination avatar.
19. The computer-readable medium of claim 18 wherein the device associated with the at least one destination avatar is one of: a cellular phone, a personal computer located at a workplace, a laptop computer, personal computer located at a residence, and a camera.
20. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein the context information comprises at least one of: the user's network address assignment, cellular data from the user's cellular phone, location data for the user, power information from the user's notebook computer, active application data from devices that the user is using, Web site work information and Web site recreational information.
21. The computer-readable medium of claim 20 wherein the location data is from Global Positioning System receivers.
22. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein the user-defined policy-selection rules comprise rules that indicate a selected designation avatar for at least one of: urgent messages, work messages, personal messages, personal photographs, messages from a selected first group of people to the user when the user is visiting a different office, and messages from people failing to be in the first group of people wherein the messages are sent to the user when the user is visiting a different office.

23. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein further computer-executable instructions are included for executing override instructions.
24. A destination selection system for automatically selecting a destination avatar for incoming communications for a user, comprising:
- a routing avatar, comprising:
 - a context information unit, coupled to a processor and a transceiver, for storing location context information for the user;
 - a policy rule unit, coupled to the processor and to the transceiver, for storing user policy rule input;
 - the processor, coupled to the context information unit, the policy rule unit, and the transceiver, for using the location context information and the user policy rule input to select a destination avatar; and
 - a transceiver, coupled to receive incoming information, the context information unit, the policy rule unit and to the processor, for sending the incoming information to the destination avatar in accordance with the selection of the destination avatar by the processor.
25. The destination selection system of claim 24, wherein using the location context information and the user policy rule input to select a destination avatar comprises determining at least one destination avatar that best fits location context information.
26. The destination selection system of claim 24 wherein the routing avatar includes an override unit that is coupled to the transceiver and to the processor, for overriding the automatic selection of the destination avatar and providing for revised selection of the destination avatar.